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SUBJECT: REACTION TO BARZANI INTERVIEW

REF: STATE 123631

1. REACTION TO BARZANI STATEMENTS TO WASHINGTON POST
CORRESPONDENT

REQUESTING MILITARY ASSISTANCE (REFTTEL) WAS EXCEPTIONALLY RAPID.
ON JUNE 27 MESSENGER DELIVERED 3 PAGE TRACT IN ARABIC TO USINT
AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS FROM KURDISTAN REVOLUTIONARY
PARTY (KRP). KRP IS SELDOM HEARD ANTI- BARZANI GROUP WHICH ALMOST
CERTAINLY HAS BACKING OF IRAQI REGIME.

2. KRP TRACT INCLUDED TRANSLATION OF HOAGLAND ARTICLE AS IT
APPEARED IN PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE OF JUNE 22. TRACT THEN ATTACKED
BARZANI FOR HIS " ALLEGIANCE TO IMPERIALISM", HIS BARGAINING WITH
KURDISH MOVEMENT FOR SELFISH INTERESTS, AND " HIS ENMITY TO
EVERYTHING PROGRESSIVE" IN KURDISH MOVEMENT. IT CLAIMS THAT
BARZANI' S ACTIONS ARE AIMED AGAINST PROGRESSIVE IRAQI
REGIME AND ARE NOT ON BEHALF OF KURDS BECUASE HE DOES NOTHING
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IN COUNTRIES WHERE KURDS STILL DEPRIVED OF BASIC NATIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. ON JUNE 29 BAATH PAPER ATH- THAWRA PUBLISHED HOAGLAND INTERVIEW WITH SHORT PREFACE STATING THAT IN VIEW OF GRAVITY OF STATEMENTS AND BAATH BELIEF THAT REAL KURDISH MOVEMENT AND KDP ARE HOSTILE TO IMPERIALISM, ZIONISM, AND MONOPOLIES, IT IS PUBLISHING " ALLEGED" STATEMENTS OF BARZANI WITH REQUEST THAT BARZANI STATE TRUTH ABOUT THEM.

4. KDP PAPER AT- TAAKHI REPLIED ON JUNE 30 WITH STATEMENT THAT BARZANI' S HEADQUARTERS IS AWAITING RECEIPT OF ORIGINAL TEXT OF INTERVIEW BEFORE MAKING COMMENT. AT- TAAKHI OF JULY 1 CONTAINED STATEMENT OF KDP AUTHORIZED SOURCE WHICH SAID THAT " TO CLARIFY TRUTH, DISCUSSION WITH HERALD TRIBUNE REPORTER CENTERED ON MARCH MANIFESTO, EXTENT OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND OBSTACLES WHICH HINDER ITS EXECUTION. ALSO DISCUSSED WERE CONDITIONS OF KURDISH PEOPLE, THEIR SUFFERING AND BACKWARDNESS, DEPRIVATION ON ALL LEVELS, AND KURDISTAN' S NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT. OTHER MATTERS MENTIONED IN DECLARATION ALLEGED TO BARZANI WERE NEVER DISCUSSED. WE WISH TO LET ALL KNOW THAT BARZANI' S POINT OF VIEW WAS AND SHALL ALWAYS REMAIN CLEAR AND SINCERE AS TO RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO BROTHERLY KURDISH AND ARAB NATIONALITIES, AND THAT HIS ENDEAVORS SHALL CENTER ON STRENGTHENING THESE TWO NATIONALITIES ON BASIS OF RECOGNITION OF KURDISH PEOPLE' S RIGHTS WITHIN NATIONAL UNITY." LOWIRE

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